Mount Jefferson Park Planning
Workshop: November 18, 2014

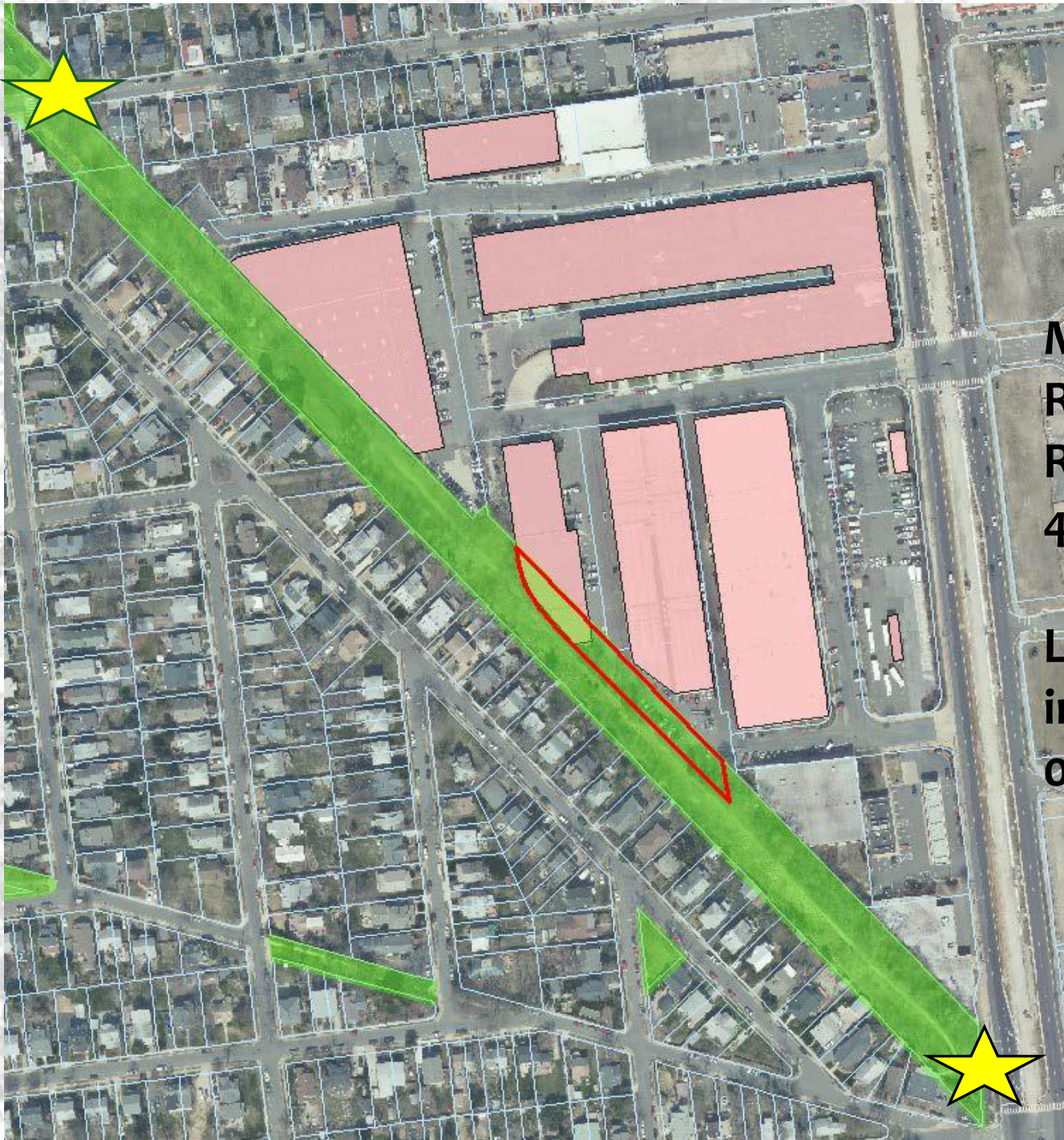Mt. Jefferson Park

May 6, 2014

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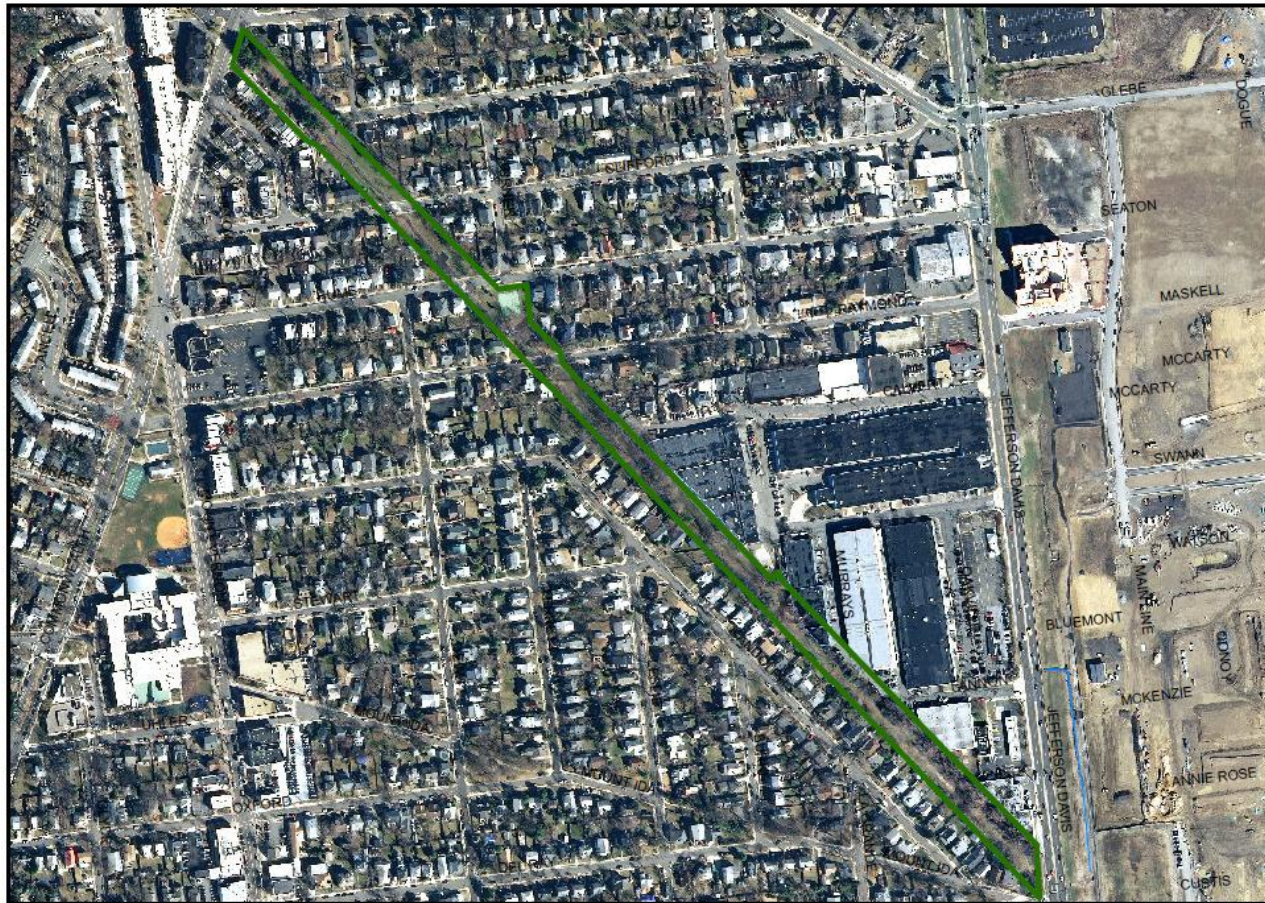
Agenda

* Welcome and Introductions – Laura Durham, RPCA

* Staff Presentation (15 minutes)

* Questions (10 minutes)

* Community member early ideas – Peter Heimberg (5 minutes)

* Workshop Activity (30 minutes)

* Concept Diagram Feedback (15 minutes)

* Report Back Summaries (20 minutes)

Timeline

Plan for Mount Jefferson Park from Raymond to Route 1	Spring, 2014	Summer, 2014	Fall, 2014	Winter, 2014	Spring, 2015	Summer, 2015	Fall, 2015
Oakville Triangle/Route 1 Corridor Meetings	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Conduct meetings with City Staff	■	■	■	■			
Obtain feedback from public and Advisory Group			■	■	■		
Develop draft plans				■			
Develop recommendations & cost estimates					■		
Develop final plan (goes to Park and Recreation Commission) to inform Oakville Triangle Plan						■	■

Mount Jefferson Park
Raymond Ave. to
Route 1
4.2 acres

Leased area (outlined
in red) to be restored
0.5 acres

Existing Conditions
Mount Jefferson Park

Raymond Avenue to Route 1:

* Access points at Raymond and Route 1
* Unfenced off leash dog exercise area southeast of Raymond Avenue
* Poor drainage conditions
* Soft trail from Raymond Avenue to Route 1
* Varying topography from Raymond Avenue to Route 1, steepest at southeast end of the park
* Vegetation and trees along trail – buffer to neighboring properties
* Recently renovated playground northwest of Raymond Avenue (outside of planning area)

Existing Conditions – Drainage Issues
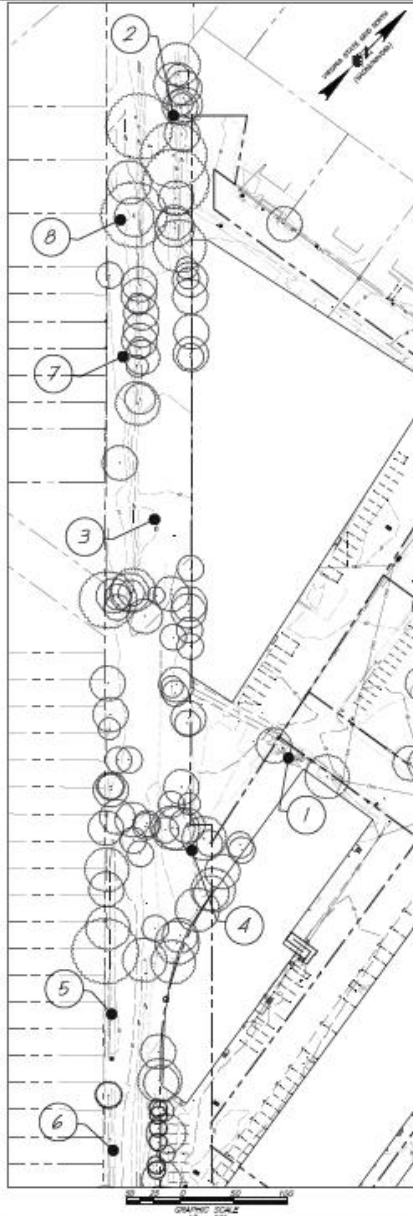
Existing Conditions
Mount Jefferson Park – North End
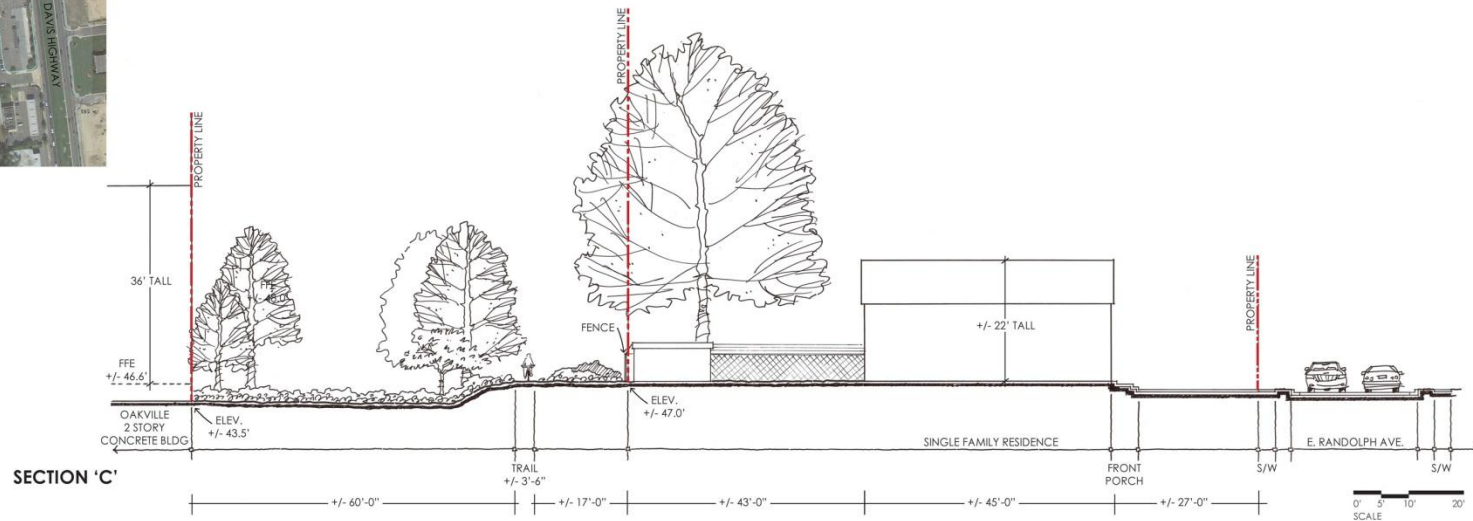
CALVERT AVENUE - EAST VIEW
(NORTH OF PROPERTY LINE)

TRAIL VIEW BETWEEN OAKVILLE 2 STORY BUILDING AND 2 STORY RESIDENTIAL DUPLEX

2 STORY RESIDENTIAL DUPLEX

Existing Conditions
Mount Jefferson Park - Middle
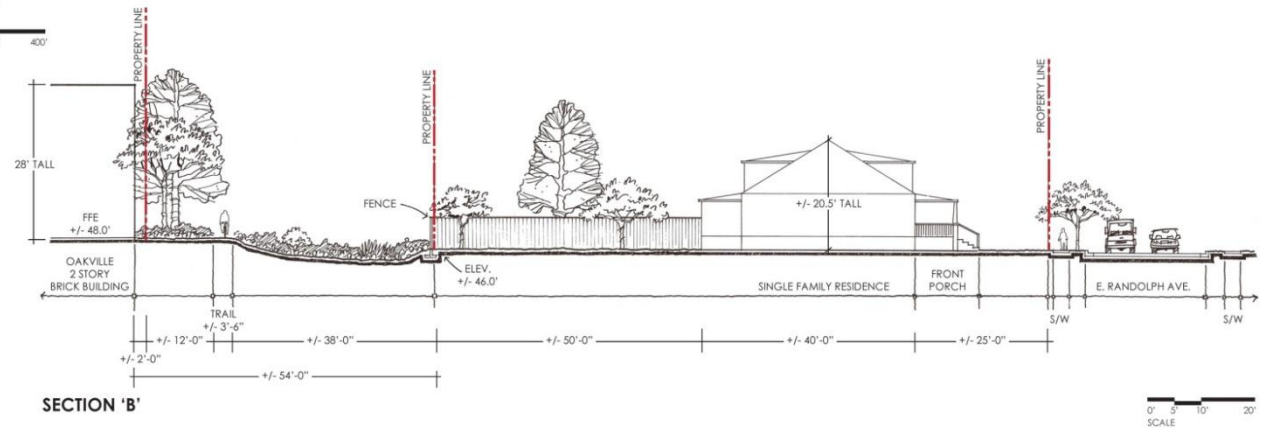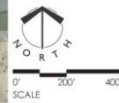
SECTION 'B'

VIEW 1: OAKVILLE 2
STORY BRICK BUILDING

VIEW 2: TRAIL VIEW BETWEEN OAKVILLE 2 STORY BUILDING AND 2 STORY SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

VIEW 3: 2 STORY SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
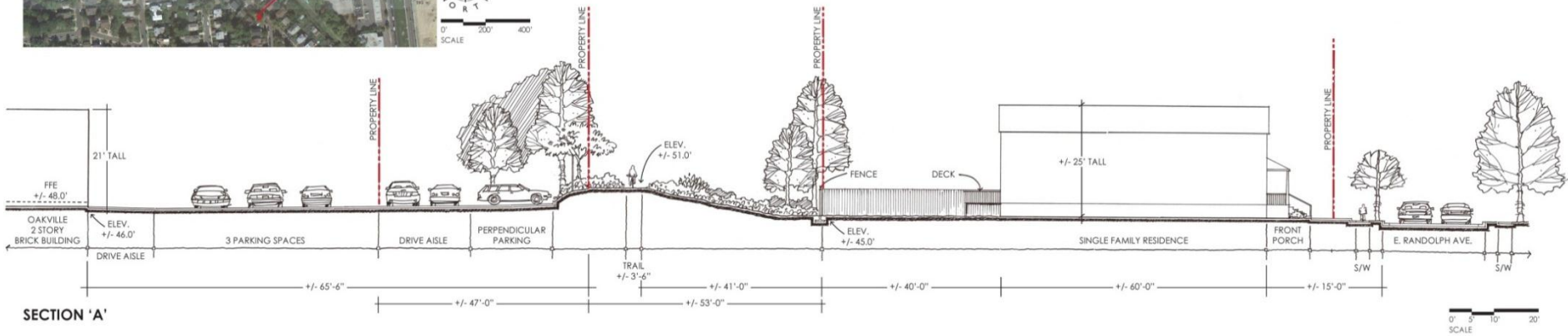
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2013 Parks and Recreation Citywide Needs Assessment

Greatest Identified Need by Household

* Walking Trails (81%)
* Natural Areas and Wildlife Habitat (67%)
* Biking Trails (53%)

Most Important Need for Action by Household

* Improve Existing Trails that Connect Parks (94%)
* Improve Existing Neighborhood Parks (91%)
* Develop New Trails that Connect to Parks (85%)

Community Input

Oakville Triangle/Route 1 Corridor Advisory Group and Community Meetings:

* Retain "naturalistic" character of the park
* Consider widening the park and/or providing a buffer along the Oakville boarder
* Improve safety of the park, create "eyes on the park"
* Address drainage problems and concerns with dog exercise area

Community Input

October 25, 2014 Neighborhood Park Planning Meeting:

* Preserve character of park – more park trail, less commuter focus
* Separate dog area from trail
* Provide dog exercise area in new development instead
* Improve drainage and provide mosquito abatement
* Reroute trail so it doesn't look into houses
* Incorporate history of the site into plan for the park

BIG PICTURE CONCEPT

- PRESERVE NATURAL CONDITION OF TRAIL WITH IMPROVEMENTS FOR ACCESSBILITY AND SAFETY

- IMPROVE STORMWATER DRAINAGE FOR YEAR-ROUND USE OF TRAIL, DOG PARK, AND OTHER PROPOSED AMENITIES

- CREATE A UNIQUE PLACE OF INTEREST AT THE PROPOSED STEWART AVENUE CONNECTION

- FORMALIZE THE RAYMOND AVENUE AND ROUTE 1 TRAIL ENTRANCES WHILE KEEPING MUCH OF THE PARK INFORMAL WITH NATURAL SURFACE TRAIL, NATIVE PLANTS, AND SIMPLE IMPROVMENTS

Labels on map: RAYMOND AVENUE · CALVERT AVENUE · STEWART AVENUE · ROUTE 1 · INFORMAL TRAIL · OPEN SPACE · FORMAL PUBLIC SPACE · INFORMAL TRAIL

MT JEFFERSON PARK TRAIL
SITE DESIGN CONCEPT | ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

LandDesign

DOG PARK

- PROVIDE SEATING AND SHADE OPTIONS FOR DOG OWNERS
- PROVIDE BARRIER AT STREET EDGE TO PREVENT DOGS FROM RUNNING IN STREET
- PROVIDE FENCE AND LANDSCAPE BARRIER BETWEEN ELEVATED TRAIL AND DOG PARK
- IMPROVE DRAINAGE WITH POTENTIAL DESIGNATED RAIN GARDEN / BIORETENTION AREA
- VISUALLY AND PHYSICALLY CONNECT PARK TO OAKVILLE DEVELOPMENT AT CALVERT AVENUE

IMPROVE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

POTENTIAL FENCE / LANDSCAPE BARRIER

POTENTIAL SWALE WITH NATIVE PLANTS

RAYMOND STREET ENTRANCE

- PROVIDE SIGNAGE AT ENTRANCE (ALEXANDRIA CITY STANDARD PARK SIGN)
- LOWER GRADES FOR ACCESSIBILITY
- UPGRADE EXISTING CURB RAMP FOR ACCESSBILITY
- PROVIDE ACCESS POINT FROM TRAIL TO DOG PARK (TRAIL IS HIGHER THAN DOG PARK)
- PROVIDE MILE MARKERS ALONG TRAIL (ALEXANDRIA CITY STANDARD DETAIL)

URBAN MEETS NATURE

- PROVIDE PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION FROM PARK TO OAKVILLE DEVELOPMENT AND DEL RAY (AT STEWART AVENUE)
- ENHANCE EXISTING OPEN MEADOW TO CREATE A 'PLACE OF INTEREST' ALONG THE TRAIL
- POTENTIAL FOR EDUCATIONAL SIGNAGE (REGARDING OLD RAILROAD LINE AND/OR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT)
- PROVIDE PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION FOR DEL RAY RESIDENTS TO NEIGHBORHOOD RETAIL / OPEN SPACE

'PLACE OF INTEREST (INTERSECTION OF URBAN AND NATURE)

IMPROVE GRADES FOR ACCESSIBILITY

IMPROVE CURB RAMP

NATURE CONNECTIVITY NATURE

STEWART AVENUE

RAYMOND AVENUE

ROUTE 1

ROUTE 1 ENTRANCE

- FORMALIZE ENTRANCE WITH LANDSCAPE AND EASY 'PASS THROUGH' BOLLARD OR GATE ELEMENT

FORMALIZE ENTRANCE

INFORMAL TRAIL

- KEEP TRAIL NATURAL WITH THE POTENTIAL USE OF PERMEABLE PAVING OVER LARGE EXISTING TREE ROOTS THAT CREATE AN UNEVEN TRAIL SURFACE FOR PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLISTS
- CREATE A PHASING STRATEGY FOR REMOVING INVASIVE PLANTS OR PLANTS IN POOR CONDITION
- REPLANT WITH NATIVE LANDSCAPE - KEEP NATURAL LOOK OF EXISTING TRAIL ENVIRONMENT
- PROVIDE LANDSCAPE BUFFER ALONG STEEP SLOPES AT SOUTH END OF TRAIL

MT JEFFERSON PARK TRAIL

SITE ANALYSIS | ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

LandDesign

Workshop Participation

Each table has a park map. Visit the tables with the parks you use and provide the following feedback:

1. Use the dot stickers to show the following:
   * RED dot on area of park you want to PRESERVE AS IS
   * YELLOW dot on area of park you want to ENHANCE
   * GREEN dot on area of park you want to TRANSFORM

   Explain on the corresponding worksheet.

2. Use the BLUE dot to identify on the worksheet your #1 priority for the Park

3. Use Post-it notes to provide comments on the concept diagram.

Next Steps

1. Tell your friends and neighbors to send additional comments via email before the end of December: **laura.durham@alexandriava.gov**

2. Synthesize input and develop draft plan

3. Winter and Spring public workshops to review recommendation

Potential Buffers

EXISTING HOMES

EXISTING TRAIL

RANDOLPH AV

PROPOSED STREET AND BUILDINGS FACING THE PARK

Potential Buffers

EXISTING HOMES

EXISTING TRAIL

PROPOSED BUILD- INGS FACING THE PARK WITH WIDE SETBACK